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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives is saddened
3 to learn of the death of retired State Representative Donald
4 Hensel, who passed away on February 26, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Hensel leaves behind a succession
6 of public offices that served the West Chicago and Winfield
7 communities, as well as a career as a businessman and public
8 servant; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Hensel proudly served his country
10 in the United States Army Air Force during World War II, and
11 the USAAF's successor, the United States Air Force, during the
12 Korean conflict; and

13 WHEREAS, During Representative Hensel's 31-year career at
14 Kawneer (Alumax) Aluminum he rose to become Manager of
15 Purchasing and Inventory Control; and

16 WHEREAS, He was a Winfield Township trustee from 1973 to
17 1977 and clerk from 1977 to 1985; and

18 WHEREAS, He was elected to the Illinois House of
19 Representatives to represent the 50th District from 1983 to
20 1993; and

1 WHEREAS, One of his most notable accomplishments as State
2 Representative was working with West Chicago Mayor Rennels to
3 secure funds for the cleanup of radioactive Thorium at an
4 impacted site in West Chicago; and

5 WHEREAS, From 1995 to the present he was a member of the
6 West Chicago Lions Club, serving in most of the offices,
7 including Vice President and President; the Lions Club voted
8 him as "Citizen of the Year" in 1998; and

9 WHEREAS, As a veteran of the United States armed forces, he
10 was a past commander of the American Legion, and spent numerous
11 hours on projects for the West Chicago American Legion,
12 including treasure hunts and fish fries; and

13 WHEREAS, He worked as a trustee for the West Chicago Fire
14 Protection District from 2001 to the present; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2010, Representative Hensel and his wife, Mary
16 Ann, celebrated 60 years of marriage; and

17 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his son, David Hensel;
18 his parents, Art and Edna Hensel; and his brother, Willard
19 Hensel; and

1 WHEREAS, Former State Representative Donald Hensel is
2 survived by his wife, Mary Ann; his sons, Steven (Cathi), Jim
3 (Barb), and Rick; his daughter, Dona (Phil) Smith; his
4 daughter-in-law, Linda; his grandchildren, Michael Hensel,
5 Katie Hensel, Bree (Chris) Jorgensen, Brandi Kubajak, Sarah
6 Hensel, Dawn Chorobik, Kristen Paris, Eric Chorobik, Britt
7 Hensel, and Matt Hensel; his brothers, Wayne (Cheryl) Hensel
8 and Bob (Jeanne) Hensel; his sister, Marion (Wayne) Talley; as
9 well as many great-grandchildren, step grandchildren,
10 great-step grandchildren, and friends; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we recognize Representative Donald Hensel and remember this
14 honest and conscientious man and Illinois citizen, who
15 faithfully served his community and the state of Illinois for
16 many years; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Mary Ann Hensel, on behalf of the Hensel family,
19 as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.